

Quebec.**Eastern Townships.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Asbestos Club was held at Thetford mines on the 27th ult., when the large attendance of members justified whatever may have been said regarding the Club's earnest endeavor to make it a success. In the absence of the Thetford vice-president, Mr. A. Ward, Mr. D. A. Brown, of Boston, filled the chair in his usual graceful manner. The usual routine of business being through, the question of refurnishing and fitting of our new club room came before the meeting, when about one hundred dollars was placed upon the subscription list. We trust to have our new club house ready for the August meeting, the 27th inst. Mr. A. M. Evans, M.E., after all business had been transacted, then read a paper on the "Carboniferous Series." It was impossible in a limit of thirty minutes to enter into detail on such a large and interesting subject, and but the smallest "bird's-eye view" could be given of the matter. It was observed that he took the "peat bog theory" regarding the formation of our vast deposit of black diamonds. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to him for paper read. On our opening meeting (new club house), we expect to hear a lecture from the Government mining engineer, Mr. J. Okalski, of Quebec.

The all absorbing question is the mining tax among mining men in this district, the Quebec government having sent in the papers for us to fill up to be taxed on, and we all simply say we cannot fill them up for the simple reason we honestly believe said tax in said form simply to be monstrous and unjust to every miner in the Province of Quebec. It is not because mine owners or mine managers wish to evade any fair and legitimate tax, but the way in which the tax is taxed is very far from proving that the men who proposed such taxation know the first principles connected with mining enterprises as a whole and in general. If we must be taxed, why, in heavens name! don't they tax us on profits, not on loss?

Our visiting friends from New York and New Jersey, having taken pity upon our being burnt out, in connection with local talent, propose to give a grand concert for the benefit of our Asbestos Club at an early date. We trust its success will be commensurate to the worthy object it aims to assist.

Lievres River.

A number of the principal phosphate companies on the Lievres River addressed a letter to the Minister of Public Works, setting forth the injury that would be done by closing the navigation at Little Rapids in the following terms:—"That we are under engagements to deliver large quantities of mineral which can only be forwarded for shipment by way of the River du Lievre: that if navigation be stopped at this season of the year, the result will be most disastrous to our interests, and that the time for closing the River at Little Rapids, as stated in the above mentioned communication, namely, the 10th proximo, is an unusually short notice. In view of the above, we have to beg that you will cause immediate enquiry to be made into the matter, as to whether the work of constructing a dam at Little Rapids could not be effected during the winter, after the shipping season has closed." This was signed by Messrs. Wilson & Green; J. Lainson Wills, for the General Phosphate Corporation; O. M. Harris, for the Canadian Phosphate Co.; Lomer, Robt & Co.; and the Anglo-Canadian Phosphate Co. A verbal reply was received from the Department to the effect that it had been decided not to close navigation, but to do the work during the winter or in early spring.

Mr. L. J. Langmead, secretary of the General Phosphate Corporation, is out, going into the general work and accounts for the Fall meeting.

At the Corporation's mines work goes steadily on. On the 8th inst. a scow sank in going through the Long Rapids, with 40 tons of phosphate, which will be recovered.

Mr. E. Watts has left for British Columbia where he will prospect for copper and silver in the Kootenai District for an Ottawa syndicate.

The High Rock property is doing exceedingly well under the new superintendent, Mr. Twidell, the output being steady and of good quality.

Templeton District.

The General Phosphate Corporation have taken out this month about 80 tons of first quality ore from the Murphy lot in the 7th range. 45 men are constantly employed.

Mr. Louis McLaurin has sold his high grade ore to Lomer, Robt & Co. at Montreal.

The Templeton Asbestos Co. are vigorously pushing their prospecting drifts and are sinking the main shaft to a depth of 100 or 125 ft., and it is their intention to run drifts from that depth into the side of the mountain. 50 men are employed.

Mr. Lederoux left last week for Paris. He goes via Florida where he intends spending some weeks visiting the phosphate workings there. He has concluded not to operate his asbestos claims in the District of Templeton.

The Netherland Co.'s out-put from their two leading pits will be slightly in excess of July. About 40 men and 3 teams are employed.

During the past four weeks McKee & Co.'s out-put from the "Loyalty" mine, with 10 men, has been about 30 tons of firsts and 20 tons seconds. The old disputed show adjoining the Blackburn property is turning out very good at depth. From their property on 11 in the 5th range about 100 tons have been taken out this month.

Messrs. W. M. Schlaesinger, mining expert, and Frank Thomiat, expert driller, from New York, representing the Edison General Electric Co., are installing the electric plant at McKee & Co.'s mine on 11 in the 5th range. The drill was started a few days ago but owing to lack of power a larger engine has to be put in, in order to get desired results from the drill and hoist.

The out-put of the Blackburn mine this month will be in the vicinity of 500 to 600 tons. 100 men and 10 teams are employed.

The McLaurin Phosphate Syndicate's phosphate drawn last winter to the dump on the Blanche is now being transferred to the river front for transshipment to Montreal.

Messrs. McVeity & Kidd have some 14 men engaged in opening up a mica show on the west half of 10 in the 7th, back of Perkins' Village.

Ontario.**Portland Township.**

First shipment of asbestos from Mr. Allan's mines has been made, consisting of 67 bags, of various grades, the sale price of which will determine the future workings.

The old French property is being opened up again. Some good surface shows have been recently stripped which promise well for paying work.

The Fleming Phosphate Company's mine, in 4th Range, has been inspected by a competent mining engineer who has pronounced it one of the most remarkable phosphate deposits in Canada. One thousand tons of high grade ore will be taken out in development and shipped the coming winter.

Perth District.

Mr. Edward Watts has just returned from an exploring expedition to the Island of Newfoundland. Two years of diligent search and laborious work by Mr. Watts and his party failed to lead to the discovery of any economic minerals.

Wakefield.

Mr. T. J. Watters has some 40 men working day and night on his mica property recently purchased from Messrs Skead & McVeity. This mine is doing better than ever. Production about 30 tons rough per week. Cutting plant will shortly be put in.

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Masham.

Mr. A. F. MacIntyre's lots, 4, 5, 6, & 7 in the 2nd Range of Masham, recently purchased, are opening up well. Some ten or eleven men under John Holmes have been stripping for the past two months. Four distinct leads occur on 5, 6, & 7. As these lots are less than a mile from LaPiche Station G.V.R.R., the property will be handy to work.

Port Arthur.

A car load of ore was shipped from the Badger-Portcupine mines recently.

At Arrow Lake work has been suspended on the Winchell Middaugh on account of water. The main shaft is down over 50 feet, and good fair ore has been stained right along.

At the Augusta mine there is a force of twelve men now at work. The drift has been driven in to a distance of 49 feet beyond the surface showing, at a depth of over 160 feet, and on the 1st of this month it was estimated that they were about 19 feet from the vein.

British Columbia.**Kootenai District.**

In the Silver King the tunnel has been advanced about 70 feet beyond the old cross-cut and the shaft in the tunnel is down about the same distance. The tunnel is run straight, regardless of the course of the ledge, and the shaft has cut the foot-wall of the ore body in which it was commenced. \$1,300,000 has been offered for this mine, and refused. At present 21 men are at work, but the force will probably be largely increased in the near future.

The summit of Toad Mountain is beginning to show up like a mining camp, now that development work is being done on half a dozen contiguous claims. On the Grizzly Bear men are at work building quarters and making a face for a tunnel. Superintendent Robertson says he has the finest tunnel site in the district, and on a ledge too that is fully 30 feet in width. A road will be built from the mine to the main road, a distance of 2½ miles through a good country and by an easy grade. The distance from Nelson will be less than six miles.

A claim known as the Tam O'Shanter on the east side of Kootenai Lake, not far from the Blue Bell, is attracting considerable attention because of the size of the body of ore in sight, much of which runs and is of a free milling character. An average specimen selected from the lump assayed \$62 in silver to the ton. The claim is bonded to Montreal parties.

That A. M. Esler made no mistake when he purchased the Dandy is being proved by the development work. The tunnel that was started within a few feet of the west end of the ground is in 35 feet, and in ore—the ore being copper pyrites and grey copper. This proves that the ledge is continuous the full length of the claim. A road is now being made to connect the mine with the main road, a mile distant. By the time it is finished a sawmill will be on the ground, one being on the way in. This means that the owners of the Dandy are in earnest, and that by fall the claim will be fully equipped with not only mining, but reduction machinery. The pay roll now carries 21 men.

The Crescent, a claim owned by a Spokane company, has over 8 feet of solid galena ore in the bottom of its shaft, which is down 50 feet. The showing, along with the showing in the lower tunnel of the Fourth, makes claim owners in Hot Springs district feel jubilant. A correspondent at Ainsworth writes: "To-day, at the Fourth, with one man picking and one sacking, the product was 10 sacks of high grade ore. Superintendent Trewarthen is excited."

The Dandy Company, in stripping the ledge above the lower tunnel on the Dandy recently, uncovered a body of fine looking ore, which gives higher returns than that from the surface on the upper end of the claim. The road has been swamped and the stumps blown out, so that machinery can now be got on the ground. At the Grizzly Bear, the tunnel face is under cover, charcoal is being burned, and the boarding house is almost completed. On the Vineta Boy, Ben Thomas, Charles Malley and John Connors are sinking the shaft, now down about 30 feet, 50 feet further. At the Cumberland, a claim recently discovered by Harry Ward, Charles Dundee and A. R. Seaman, a shaft is down several feet in ore that shows grey and peacock copper. The ledge is reported to be fully six feet in width and apparently in place.

The manager of the Kootenai Bonanza Mining Company advertises for tenders for from 250 to 500 feet of tunneling on the Silver King, which means that the own-

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